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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

Ladies and Gentlemen,

You may not have read that Microsoft took an 8 cent per share charge for legal expenses and you may not care but 1,000,000 stockholder households do and so do tens of millions of other Microsoft customers who won't gain a damn thing by prolonging a settlement of this matter that has dragged on since 1995. You are not saving consumers from anything from my own informal survey. And from my past work with Microsoft customers, by and large, they don't seem to care about what you are except for a few people who complain about everything in their life being unfair.

I urge you to spend taxpayer money where it will achieve justice in matters where is more clearly some offense. (How are you dividing your time on the Enron case? Have you ever looked into the practices that catapulted Walmart to its near monopoly status?)

If anything more should be done it should involve retrying this matter from scratch to address the judicial misconduct of Judge Jackson. But all such activities are counterproductive for EVERYONE in this country.

And finally, in order to achieve uniform justice, I trust that your department will monitor donations of large industry leading companies to schools. We have heard from the courts how such activity constitutes unfair competition so let's make sure that companies with similar market positions as Microsoft don't help our school system as well. Let's work to preserve those companies that customers no longer prefer by natural choice.

Sincerely and respectfully,
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